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SUBJECT: DUTCH VIEWS OF EC SUMMIT MEETING

1. ALTHOUGH LUXEMBOURG HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING WIDELY JUDGED TO HAVE BEEN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY, DUTCH LEADERS HAVE ATTEMPTED PUT BEST FACE ON IT. COMMENTING TO PRESS, PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL SAID: "IT WAS NOT A TREMENDOUS MEETING, BUT IT WAS STILL A USEFUL MEETING WHICH WAS NOT HAMPERED BY BICKERING."

2. ON THE ISSUE OF DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN 1978, DEN UYL SAID HE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF SEAT DISTRIBUTION AT THE JULY MEETING IN BRUSSELS, A POSITION WHICH HE WAS KNOWN TO HOLD PRIOR TO THE LUXEMBOURG SUMMIT. IF AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED AT BRUSSELS, DUTCH BELIEVE SUFFICIENT TIME WILL REMAIN TO HOLD 1978 ELECTIONS. FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL AND PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL HAVE BOTH SAID RECENTLY THAT WAY OUT OF IMPASSE OVER NUMBER OF SEATS TO BE APPORTIONED WOULD HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT LARGE-STATE DEMANDS

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FOR PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION AND SMALL-STATE DEMANDS FOR A

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEATS. VAN DER STOEL SAID THAT AFTER LUXEMBOURG ALL POSSIBILITIES REMAIN OPEN.

3. DEN UYL CALLED DECISION TO LET HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AT NEXT SUMMIT APPOINT A NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND FOR HIM TO ACT AS COORDINATOR IN ELECTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS A FIRST STEP IN STRENGTHENING POSITION OF COMMISSION, A LONG-SOUGHT GOAL OF GON. FAILURE TO COME UP WITH CONCRETE PROPOSALS IN MONETARY, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS DESCRIBED BY DUTCH PRIMIN AS A REFLECTION OF "GENERAL AVERSION" TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS AT SUMMIT MEETINGS.
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